

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Formalities

The specification and abstract have been revised to use terminology that is consistent with that used in the claims, in particular by distinguishing the “flat panel display” from the “liquid crystal display panel” (which is part of the flat panel display), and by deleting the “and/or” language to describe the backlight module (both the display panel *and* the backlight module are depicted as being included in the frame, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3, and the advantages described in the summary section of the specification apply to the entire display, including both the display panel and the backlight module).

In addition, the specification has been amended (at line 23 on page 5 of the substitute specification) to specify that –three or more– cuts are preferred, rather than “more than three” cuts, since the drawings depict three cuts (in order to bend the frame into a rectangle).

Because the changes are formal in nature and/or supported by the original disclosure, it is respectfully submitted that the changes do not involve new matter.

2. Rejection of Claims 1-29 Under 35 USC §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,577,288 (Min)

This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-29.

Claims 30-37 have been allowed. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to dependent claim 36 have no effect on the allowability of claims 1-37.

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently with this response.

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Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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